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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 20, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the specification:

1. Please, replace the paragraph, beginning at page 3, line 12 with the following rewritten paragraph:

A compact hollow cylinder of the invaginator can be formed of tightly compressed in-longitudinal and transverse directions pleats of different forms of an eversible thin-walled tube placed at any angles with the longitudinal axis of an endoscopic tube. The cylinder has recurrent narrowings of an external diameter and widenings of its internal diameter. There are possible two embodiments of the cylinder. In one embodiment the gap 25 is keeping both at putting of cartridge on the endoscopic tube 3, and at the working pressure in the cavity 14. In other – the gap 25 is necessary only for putting of cartridge.

NE 2. Please, replace the statement, beginning at page 5, line 1 with the following rewritten statement:

-- Everted end 12 of invaginator 23 is connected to shell 22 by ring 16. Invaginator 23 has narrowings and widenings 24, as well as gap 25 with distal preservative 26, at that the gap 25 is keeping also at working pressure in the cavity 14. --

3. Please, add the following rewritten paragraphs at page 8, lines 24-25:

70 - cutters of biopsy forceps 63;
D2 71 - distal intensifier (drive) of traction line of the cutters 70. --